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Claims 1-39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (previously presented): A method for execution by a server on a network for supplying music piece data file to a client terminal, said method comprising:

receiving, from said client terminal, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

on the basis of said first request information received from said client terminal, transmitting, to said client terminal, display information for displaying an entire time length of the desired single music piece so that the entire time length of the desired single music piece can be displayed on said client terminal on the basis of the display information;

receiving, from said client terminal, second request information designating a desired time portion of the displayed music piece, said desired time portion being selected, by a user of said client terminal, from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece;

on the basis of a complete music piece data file corresponding to said desired single music piece and in accordance with said second request information received from said client terminal, creating partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired time portion designated by said second request information;

on the basis of said second request information, determining a selling price of the created partial music piece data file, wherein said selling price of the created partial music piece data file being less than a selling price of the complete music piece data file, and wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data is dependent upon one of a length and a location of said desired time portions; and

transmitting the created partial music piece data file to the client terminal.

Claim 41 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 40 wherein the display information to be transmitted to said client terminal is information for displaying the desired music piece as a musical score.

Claim 42 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 40 wherein said server includes a storage device for storing a complete music piece data file corresponding to the desired single music piece.

Claim 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (previously presented): A method for execution by a client apparatus on a network to receive music piece data file via the network from a server, said method comprising:

transmitting, to said server, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

receiving, from said server, display information for displaying an entire time length of the desired single music piece;

displaying the entire time length of the desired single music piece on the basis of the display information;

designating a desired time portion of the desired single music piece from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece and transmitting, to said server, second request information indicating the designated desired time portion, wherein said server creates partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired time portion on the basis of a complete music piece data file corresponding to said desired single music piece and in accordance with the transmitted second request information and determines a selling price of the created partial music piece data file such that said selling price of the created partial music piece data file is less than a selling price of the complete music piece data file, and wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data file is dependent upon one of a length and a location of said desired time portion;

a step of inputting billing-related information and transmitting the billing-related information to said server apparatus to thereby effect purchase of said created partial music piece data file corresponding to the designated time portion of the desired single music piece; and

a step of receiving said created partial music piece data file from said server .

Claim 45 (canceled)

Claim 46 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the partial music piece data to be received from said server include musical score data indicative of a musical score and reproduction data for reproducing the music piece.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the predetermined billing-related information is at least one of a credit card number, an address to which an application form for remittance is to be sent, and user information for use of electronic money.

Claims 48-49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (previously presented): A server apparatus for supplying music piece data file to a client terminal, said apparatus comprising a programmed processor device for executing the steps of:

receiving, from said client terminal, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

on the basis of said first request information received from said client terminal, transmitting, to said client terminal, display information for displaying an entire time length of the desired single music piece so that the entire time length of the desired single music piece can be displayed on said client terminal on the basis of the display information;

receiving, from said client terminal, second request information designating a desired time portion of the displayed music piece, said desired time portion being selected, by a user of said client terminal, from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece;

on the basis of a complete music piece data file corresponding to said desired single music piece and in accordance with said second request information received from said client terminal, creating partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired time portion designated by said second request information;

on the basis of said second request information, determining a selling price of the created partial music piece data file, wherein said selling price of the created partial music piece data file being less than a selling price of the complete music piece data file, and wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data is dependent upon one of a length and a location of said desired time portion; and

transmitting the created partial music piece data file to the client terminal.

Claims 51 (previously presented): A client apparatus operatively coupled to a network for receiving music piece data file via the network from a server, said client apparatus operatively coupled to a display device and an input device, said client apparatus comprising a programmed processor device programmed to execute the steps of:

transmitting, to said server, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

receiving, from said server, display information for displaying an entire time length of the desired single music piece on the display device;

displaying on the display device the entire time length of the desired single music piece on the basis of the display information;

in response to an input signal received from the input device, designating a desired time portion of the desired single music piece from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece and transmitting, to said server, second request information indicating the designated desired time portion, wherein said server creates partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired time portion on the basis of a complete music piece data file corresponding to said desired single music piece and in accordance with the transmitted second request information and determines a selling price of the created partial music piece data file such that said selling price of the created partial music piece data is less than as selling price of the complete music piece data file, wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data file is dependent upon one off a length and a location of said desired time portion;

receiving from said input device billing-related information, and

transmitting the billing-related information to said server to thereby effect purchase of said created partial music piece data file corresponding to the designated time portion of the desired single music piece; and

receiving said created partial music piece data file from said server.

Claims 52-55 (canceled)